**Washington**, **DC** - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-lowa) announced today nearly \$238,000 in grant money for local fire departments in lowa's first district. The Assistance to Firefighter Grants are distributed through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration.

"I'm happy to announce these grant awards for fire departments in eastern lowa," Braley said. "lowa's firefighters in courageously committed their lives to keeping their communities safe. This money will provide them with safety gear and tools necessary to continue to do their jobs and protect lowa's families."

The following First District fire departments will receive Assistance to Firefighter Grants:

- \$87,179 for Davenport to better equip their rescue truck with tools for building collapses and natural disasters
  - \$54,021 for Cascade for operations and safety equipment
- \$50,673 for Hopkinton to upgrade their protective teardown gear such as boots and coats
  - \$33,501 for LaMotte for operations and safety equipment
  - \$12,310 for Bernard for operations and safety equipment